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8/13/09 <u>RESPONSE</u>

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 15, 2009, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 15, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.